(b) what are the details of Post Offices city-wise, where this modernisaiion is proposed in the State- durin," 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) As a part of the Eighth Five Year plan prosramme, the department hals, till date, installed and commissioned 70 computer-based counter machines in 20 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh.

Sixty-nine more such machines are pro-losed to be installed and commissioned in another 21 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh during the current year. Installation of F'C based counter machines in Madhya Pradesh Circle during 1996.97 wiU be decided after due consid&rations.

Six Post Offices are proposed to be fully com.paterised by installation of counter machines during 1995.96. These Post Offices are: (i) Bhopal GPO

(ii) Hoshangabad Head Office

(iii) Bhilai Sub Office

(iv) Jabalpur Head Office

(v) Ujjain Head Office

(vii) Laskar Head Office, in Gwalior.

Allotment of STD/ISD booths to SCs/STs in Madhya Pradesh

4499. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST candidates were given priority allotment of STD/ISD telephone booths in adhya Pradesh during the last" three years;

(b) how many applications are pending with Government for this purpose from the candidates belonging to these categories in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) by when Government propose to allot STD/ISD telephone booths to all the SC / ST candidatss who have applied for these booths from Madhya Padesh?

, THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTK *Y* OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHKH RAM) (a) and (b) Applicants belonging to SCs/ STs are given prsfereace in the matter of sanction of SID/lSD PCOs. No seperate records are, however, maintained regarding the no. of such applicants given allotment so far and whose applications are pending for allotment in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) All the eligible applicants including those belonging to SC/ST approved by STD PCO allotment committee would be allotted STD/ISD PCOs progressively subject to technical feasibility.

Reeruitnian's of Traines Engineers by VSNL

450O. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., has recently recruited Trainee Engineering Officers;

(b) if so, when the interviews were held and how many candidates were selected;

(c) the details of candidates selected, with their qualifications;

(d) whether any complaints of malpractices in selection were received by Government; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The interviews were held in February 1995. 30 candidates were selected out of 154 candidates call;d for interview.

(c) Details of candidates selected with their qualifications are given in the annexed, statement. (See below).

(d) No, Sir-

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above-